

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

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We now know that COVID-19 is here to stay for the foreseeable future. It's important to understand how to live our lives while keeping ourselves, loved ones, and community as safe as possible. How can we do that? By using all the tools we've learned so far: getting vaccinated and boosted, getting tested and staying home if sick or exposed, wearing a mask in crowds, and keeping our distance.

Even though the COVID Public Health Emergency is ending, masks and tests will continue to be available at Swinomish Medical Clinic for the foreseeable future. Likewise, vaccines and medication will continue to be available for free while supplies last.

Free tests can still be ordered through sayyescovidhometest.org, covid.gov/tests or picked up at a pharmacy with your insurance card until May 11. Insurances may continue to cover home tests beyond May 11th.

If you do get COVID, anti-viral medication is available, well tolerated, and will decrease the severity and length of your infection. Call your healthcare provider or visit doh.wa.gov/emergencies/covid-19/treatments/telehealth for treatment.

Call the Swinomish Medical Clinic at (360) 466-3167 for information and supplies, including masks and home test kits.

Thank you for protecting yourself and our community, Swinomish Public Health Team